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During cooking and small group activities that require stirring, Pablo would get embarrassed because he lacked the strength and coordination to stir when a mixture was thick. His teachers decided to let him take his turn at the end, after the other children had added most of the liquid so that the mixture was easier to stir. Pablo now participates independently in cooking projects without any embarrassment.

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